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LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY ATTENDS BABYLON ROTARY'S DICTIONARY PROJECT PRESENTATION



Left Picture (back row left to right): Rotarian Wayne Horsley (Long Island Regional Director of New York State Parks); Babylon Rotary Club President Mikel Hoffman; Rotary President-Elect Megan Aubin; Honoree William "Bill" P. France; Rotary Past President Gail Sullivan; Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey; Gordon Canary (Representing New York State Senator Phil Boyle); Babylon Village Mayor Ralph Scordino; and Program Chairman Frank Seibert. Front Row: Babylon Memorial Grade School Students. Right Picture: Legislator Kevin McCaffrey with Honoree William "Bill" P. France.

Babylon Village, NY: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst) recently joined with members of the Babylon Rotary for their Dictionary Project breakfast and presentation. The event took place at Babylon Memorial Grade School, and was attended by Rotarians, elected officials or their representatives, teachers and 3rd grade students.

The Dictionary Project is a special cause that the Babylon Rotary advances due to their unwavering commitment to improving lives through education and civic involvement. Essentially, by putting dictionaries into the hands of young students, the Rotarians are equipping them with foundational tools that will last a lifetime.

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“The idea behind the Dictionary Project is simple, yet so important,” said McCaffrey. “The English language is not only complex, diverse and beautiful, but it is the key to future learning and success. The Babylon Rotary is doing something very special with this undertaking and I commend them greatly for it.”

The Dictionary Project also serves as a way for the members of the Babylon Rotary to remember William E. DeLuca, Jr., one of its distinguished past presidents. Mr. DeLuca was a long-time educator and administrator in the Town of Babylon, thus dedicating the Dictionary Project in his name was deemed to be a fitting and thoughtful tribute. Likewise, each year, a special honoree is recognized for his or her contributions to community advancement.

This year’s honoree was William “Bill” P. France, who is the Chairman of the Board and CEO of Strahl & Pitsch Inc., a prominent manufacturer of waxes located in the Town of Babylon. In addition to his contributions to the local business community and economy, Bill has been a member and supporter of the Babylon Rotary, and he was the benefactor of this year’s Dictionary Project.

“Bill has been a fixture in the Town of Babylon for many years,” said McCaffrey. “I cannot think of a better example of a good citizen or a more deserving person for special recognition.”

To learn more about the Babylon Rotary Club, visit their website at: www.babylonrotary.com. If you are interested in learning more about the background of the Dictionary Project, you can visit the organization’s website at: <https://www.dictionaryproject.org/>.

Legislator McCaffrey represents Suffolk County’s 14th Legislative District which encompasses the Village of Lindenhurst, Babylon Village, the hamlets of West Babylon and North Lindenhurst, portions of Copiague, North Babylon, and Babylon’s barrier beach communities.